



DIRECTOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES REPORT

12th June 2007

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REVOTES 2006 / 07

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SUMMARY:

Reporting that consideration needs to be given to carryover and revote funds allocated to projects for 2006 / 07 administered by Council's Sustainable Development Services Department.

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Strategic Planning Projects

Due to factors including the complexity of most strategic planning projects; the need to spread costs to reduce financial impacts; obligations under grant funding arrangements and an ongoing shortage of qualified and experienced strategic planners, it will be necessary to carryover allocations to complete projects that have commenced and to revote allocations for projects that were not commenced in 2006 / 07. Details of reasons for required carryovers and revotes are provided at [\(Appendix A – Page G1\)](#)

Projects requiring carryovers include: -

- Saltwater Local Environmental Study
- South Kempsey Industrial Land Local Environmental Study
- ESD Strategy Implementation
- Kempsey Town Centre Masterplan
- Spencerville / New Entrance Masterplan
- Standard Local Environmental Plan
- Land Release Strategy Review
- Ex Oil Terminal Local Environmental Study
- Vegetation Mapping
- Heritage Study Implementation
- Heritage Fund
- Heritage Program

Projects requiring revotes include: -

- Kempsey Strategic Direction

Environmental Rehabilitation Projects

The preparation of plans of management for environmental rehabilitation projects is affected by similar factors to strategic planning. On ground works to restore the floodplain are often reliant on prolonged periods of dry weather with extensive delays caused by wet weather.

Projects are also part grant funded and carryovers are required for the following projects: -

- Macleay River Management Plan
- Korogora Creek Estuary Management Plan
- Gills Creek Rehabilitation Project

Economic Development

The focus of Macleay Development and Promotion during 2006 / 07 has been on reviewing the Economic Strategic Plan for Kempsey. As a result, funds allocated for individual projects have been largely unexpended. With the focus to remain on reviewing the strategic plan, it is proposed to reallocate project funds to employing a temporary Economic Development Projects Officer to carry out projects rather than employ consultants. This arrangement will be reviewed following completion of the revised strategic plan.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Revoting of funds will enable environmental programs to continue that will result in environmental benefits.

- ***Social***

Several strategic projects will contribute to development of the Shire resulting in social benefits.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

Revotes will reduce the burden on the General Fund in 2006 / 07 and allow completion of a number of Economic Development Projects.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve to revoke / carryover the funds remaining as at 30th June 2006 from the 2006/07 Budget to the 2007 / 08 Budget in accordance with the above report.

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